Members of the Public Health Committee,

I am writing today in opposition to both:

S.B 477 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.

H.B 5397 - AN ACT DECLARING GUN VIOLENCE A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION.

I oppose both these bills as I feel they are misleading and do not address any real issues. Connecticut is experiencing a rise in violent crime because of lax punishments to juveniles and the political assault on our local and state police forces. Connecticut is one of the safeest states when gun violence is concerned, and I feel these bills do nothing but make legislators feel good and even worse they are a front to funnel taxpayer money to anti-gun groups who donate to many of our states legislators.

Please oppose both these bills and focus on the real issues in Connecticut.

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